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| In re Application of: |) Conf. No.: 8324 |
| Silvain SCHAFFER |) Art Unit: 2631 |
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THIRD REQUEST FOR STATUS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office 2011 South Clark Place Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03 Arlington, Virginia 22202

Sir:

As more than 42 months have passed since this application was filed or entered into the United States National Stage and no office action on the merits has yet been received, the applicant hereby respectfully makes inquiry as to the status of the above-identified application.

As 37 CFR 1.2 states that the action of the PTO "will be based exclusively on the written record", applicant needs and therefore requests a written reply.

TC 2300 C30 STATUS INQUIRY RECEIVED

Respectfully submitted,

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